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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Biweekly report (March 26, 2018 - April 8, 2018)

Please find attached preliminary daily estimates of passage, 90% confidence intervals, and fork length ranges of unmarked juvenile salmonids sampled at Red Bluff Diversion Dam for the period March 26, 2018 through April 8, 2018. Race designation was assigned using length-at-date criteria.

NOTE: Winter and Spring Chinook passage estimates in Table 1 and Figures 1 and 2 have been revised for the period October 16 thru November 18, 2017 due to genetic assignments of fish that differed from assignments based on length-at-date criteria.

Original and revised biweekly reports can be found at: https://www.fws.gov/redbluff/rbdd_biweekly_final.html.

Reports produced after March 25, 2018 incorporate corrected values.

This report also contains graphical displays of salmonid passage dating back to 2011 for comparison.

Please note that data contained in these reports is subject to revision as this data is preliminary and undergoing QA/QC procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 527-3043 ext 243.

Table 1.— Preliminary estimates of passage by brood-year (BY) and run for unmarked juvenile Chinook salmon and steelhead trout captured by rotary-screw traps at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391), Sacramento River, CA, for the dates listed below. Results include estimated passage, peak river discharge volume, water temperature, turbidity, and fork length (mm) range in parentheses. A dash (-) indicates that sampling was not conducted on that date.

Date	Discharge volume (cfs) ¹	Water temperature (°C)	Water turbidity (NTU)	Estimated passage				
				BY17 Winter ²	BY17 Spring ²	BY17 Fall	BY18 Late-Fall ³	BY18 RBT
3/26/2018	6,969	10.7	8.5	0 (-)	901 (72 – 84)	1,696 (36 – 71)	(0 – 0)	133 (29)
3/27/2018	6,149	11.4	5.3	81 (106 – 118)	564 (74 – 96)	562 (36 – 72)	(0 – 0)	41 (95)
3/28/2018	5,809	12.8	4.0	71 (117 – 125)	249 (73 – 92)	178 (62 – 70)	(0 – 0)	0 (-)
3/29/2018	5,593	13.8	4	70 (100 – 116)	243 (74 – 92)	35 (37)	(0 – 0)	0 (-)
3/30/2018	5,504	13.9	3.5	69 (120 – 142)	34 (79)	34 (39)	(0 – 0)	0 (-)
3/31/2018	5,427	13.9	3.4	0 (-)	0 (-)	34 (53)	(0 – 0)	34 (101)
4/1/2018	5,375	14.3	3.4	35 (134)	67 (80 – 84)	0 (-)	0 (-)	32 (32)
4/2/2018	5,340	14.6	3.7	38 (168)	152 (81 – 96)	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)
4/3/2018	5,296	14.3	3.5	30 (104)	330 (78 – 95)	119 (51 – 75)	0 (-)	30 (55)
4/4/2018	5,163	14.3	3.4	32 (116)	32 (85)	32 (49)	0 (-)	0 (-)
4/5/2018	5,096	13.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
4/6/2018	5,274	12.8	3.2	0 (-)	129 (90 – 97)	32 (75)	0 (-)	0 (-)
4/7/2018	38,257	13.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
4/8/2018	52,957	13.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biweekly Total⁴				501	3,183	2,859	0	293
<i>Biweekly Lower 90% Confidence Interval</i>				109	1,723	1,524	0	12
<i>Biweekly Upper 90% Confidence Interval</i>				893	4,644	4,195	0	573
Brood Year Total				601,105	47,983	316,317	0	901
<i>Brood year Lower 90% Confidence Interval</i>				415,768	18,217	142,216	0	-207
<i>Brood year Upper 90% Confidence Interval</i>				786,442	77,748	490,418	0	2,010

¹ Peak daily discharge values do not account for diversions at RBDD and only represent peak flows registered at the Bend Bridge Gauging station (<http://cdec2.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryFx?bnd>).

² Winter Chinook brood year total reflects addition of 120,440 length-at-date spring Chinook determined to be winter Chinook from genetic evaluations during the period of 10/16/2017 thru 11/18/2017; Spring Chinook brood year total reflects the subtraction of those 120,440 Chinook genetically assigned as Winter Chinook.

³ Brood year 2018 began on 04/01/2018 according to length-at-date criteria (Greene 1992); brood year 2017 total was estimated 78,325.

⁴ Biweekly totals may be greater than the sum of the daily estimates presented in this table if sampling was not conducted on each day of the biweekly period. A dash (-) denotes those dates. To estimate daily passage for days that were not sampled, we impute missed sample days with the weekly mean value of days sampled within the week.

Juvenile Winter Chinook Salmon Estimated Passage

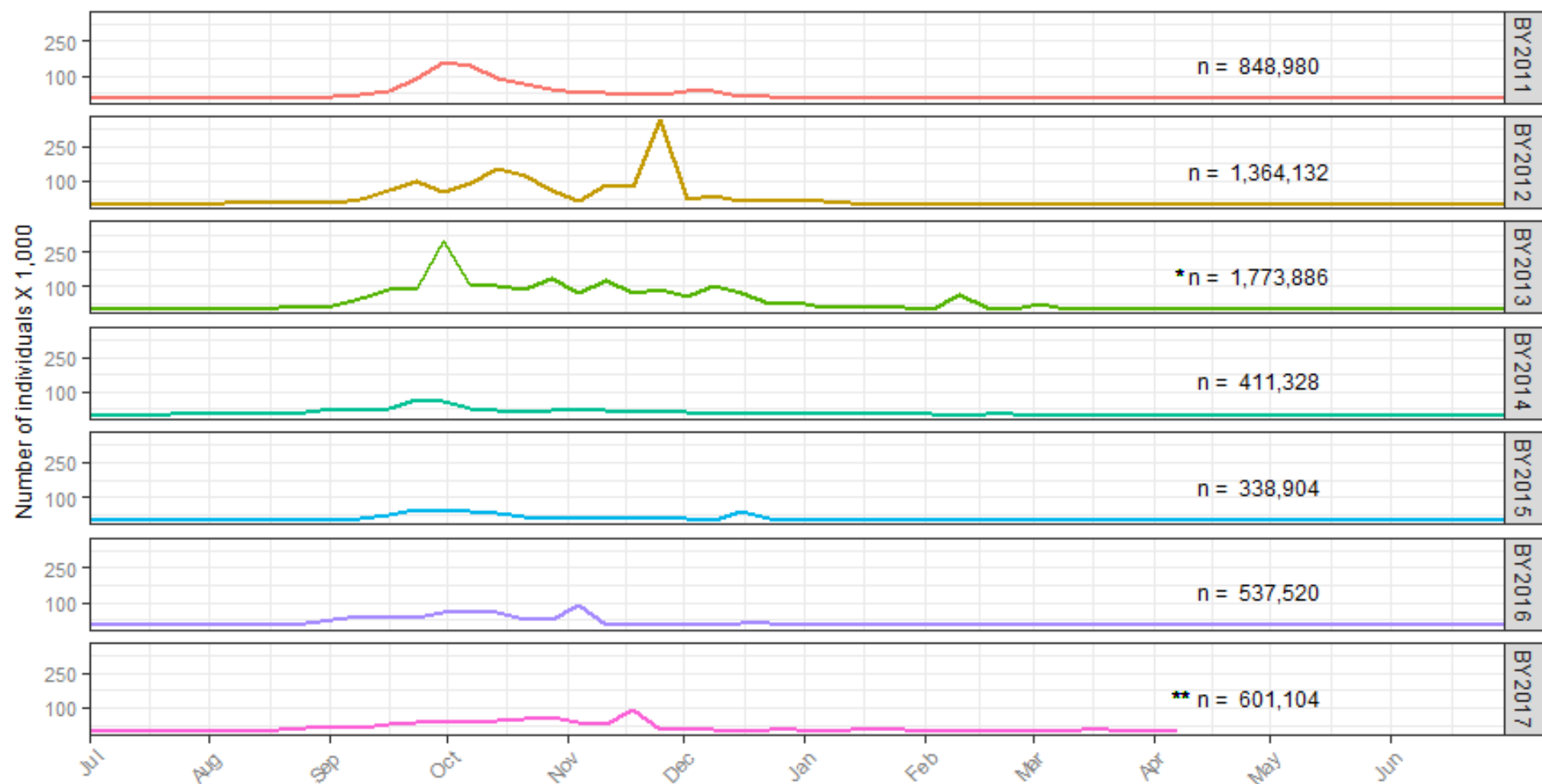


Figure 1. Weekly estimated passage of unmarked juvenile winter Chinook salmon at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391) by brood-year (BY). Fish were sampled using rotary-screw traps for the period July 1, 2011 to present.

*Winter Chinook passage value interpolated using a monthly mean for the period October 1, 2013 - October 17, 2013 due to government shutdown.

**Winter Chinook passage value reflects addition of 120,440 length-at-date spring Chinook determined to be winter Chinook from genetic analysis during the period of 10/16/2017 thru 11/18/2017.

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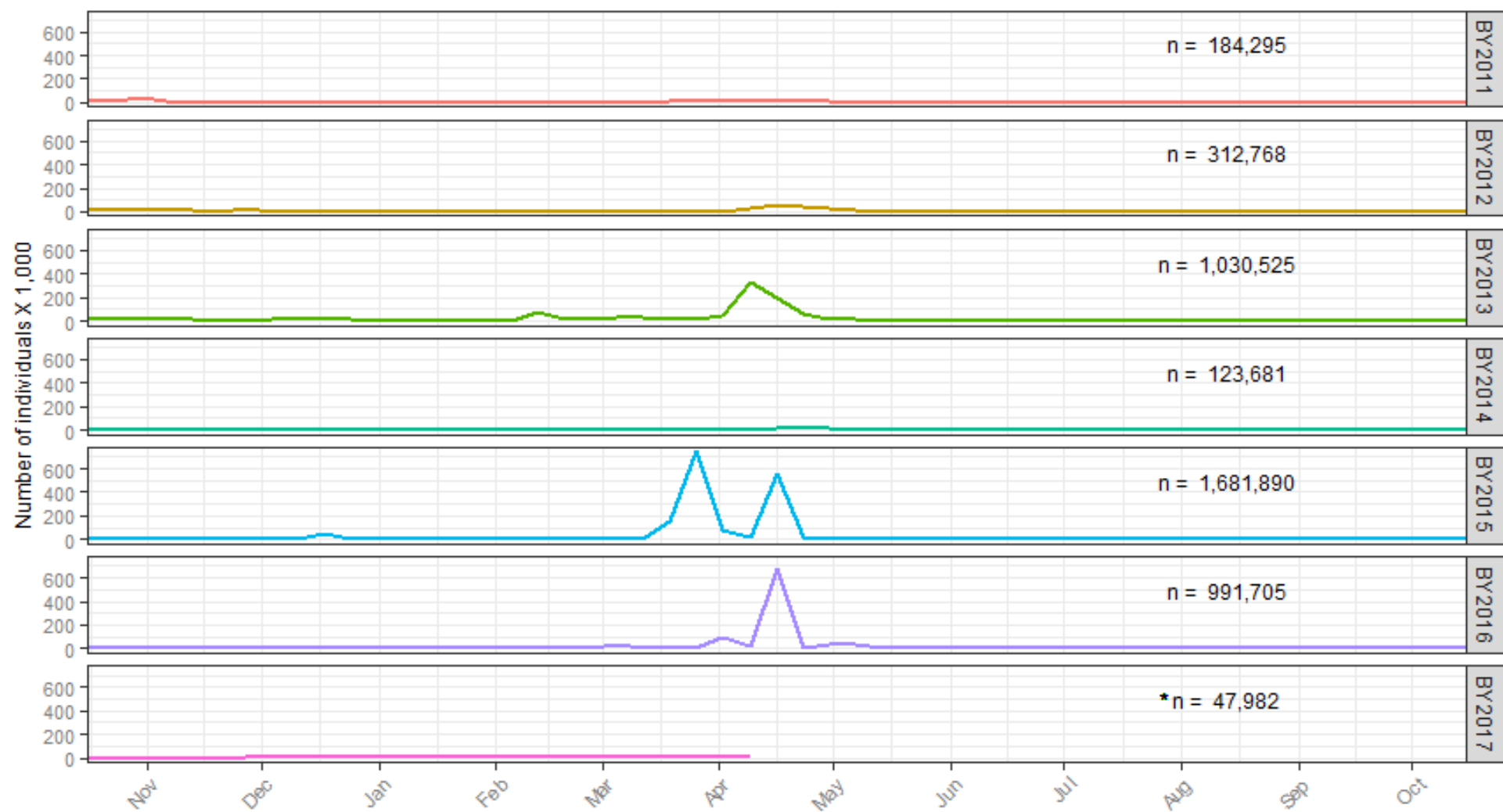


Figure 2. Weekly estimated passage of unmarked juvenile spring Chinook salmon at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391) by brood-year (BY). Fish were sampled using rotary-screw traps for the period October 16, 2011 to present.

*Spring Chinook passage value reflects subtraction of 120,440 length-at-date spring Chinook determined to be winter Chinook from genetic analysis during the period of 10/16/2017 thru 11/18/2017.

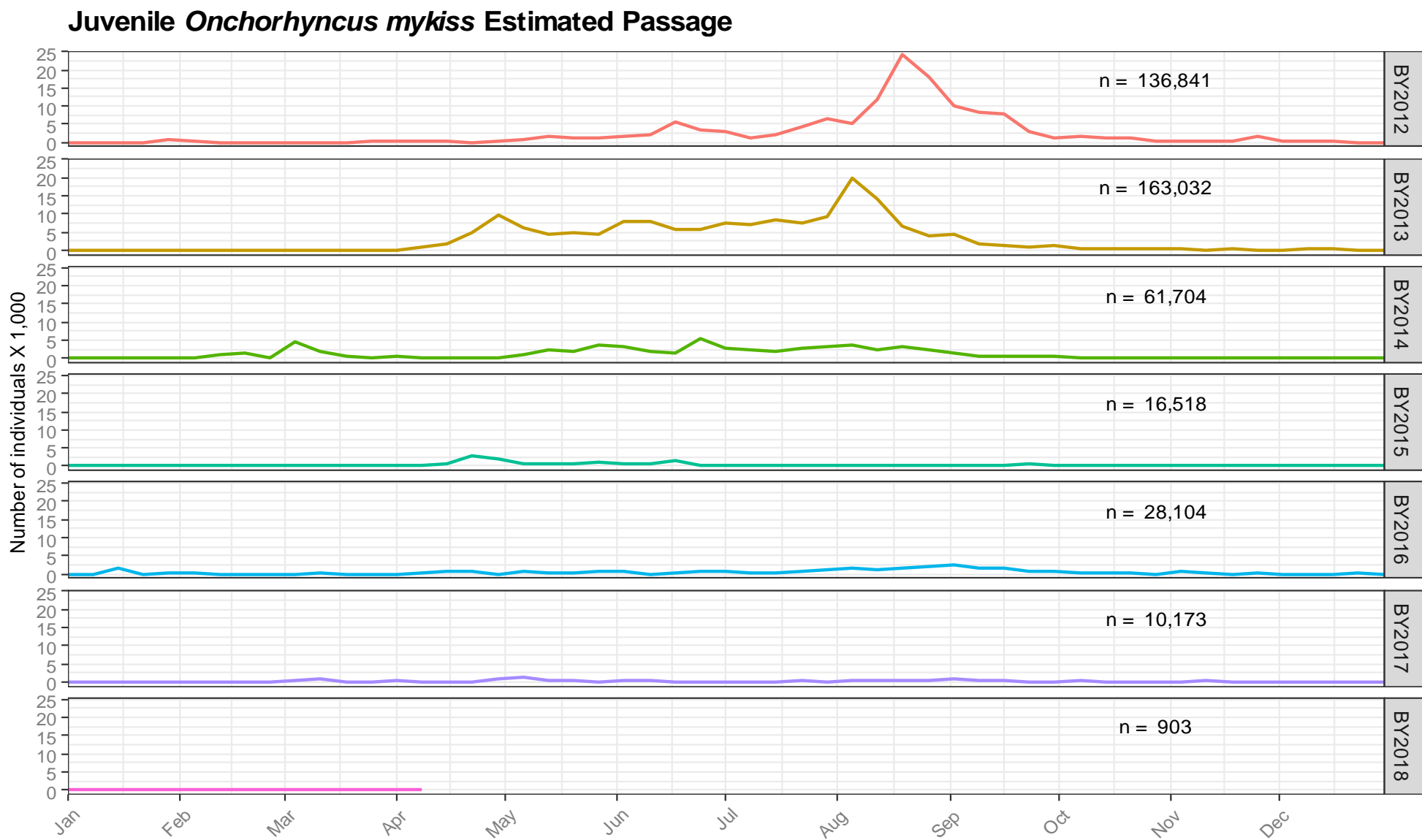


Figure 3. Weekly estimated passage of unmarked juvenile Rainbow/Steelhead trout at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391) by brood-year (BY). Fish were sampled using rotary-screw traps for the period January 1, 2012 to present .

Juvenile Fall Chinook Salmon Estimated Passage

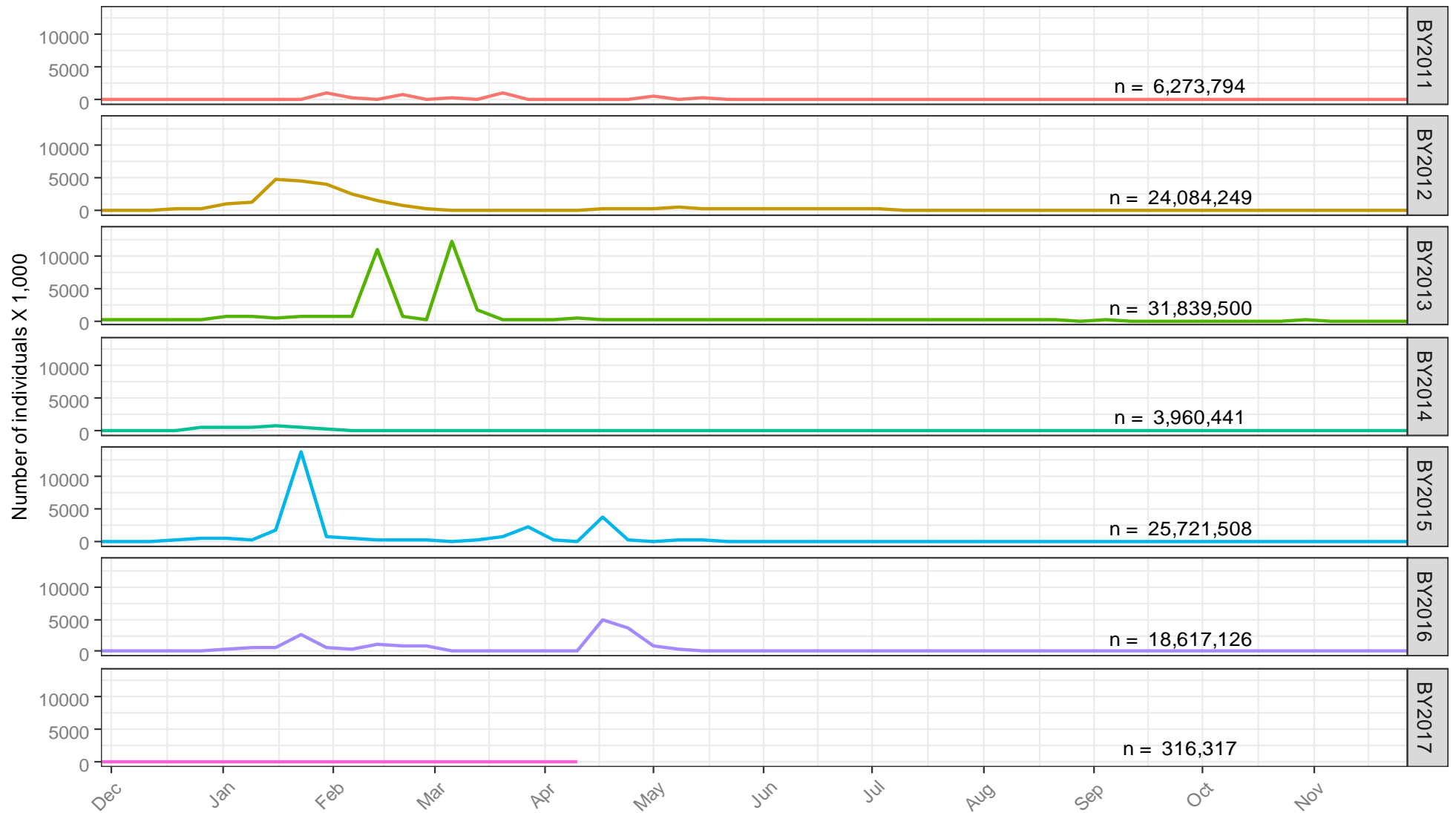


Figure 4. Weekly estimated passage of unmarked juvenile fall Chinook salmon at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391) by brood-year (BY). Fish were sampled using rotary-screw traps for the period December 1, 2011 to present .

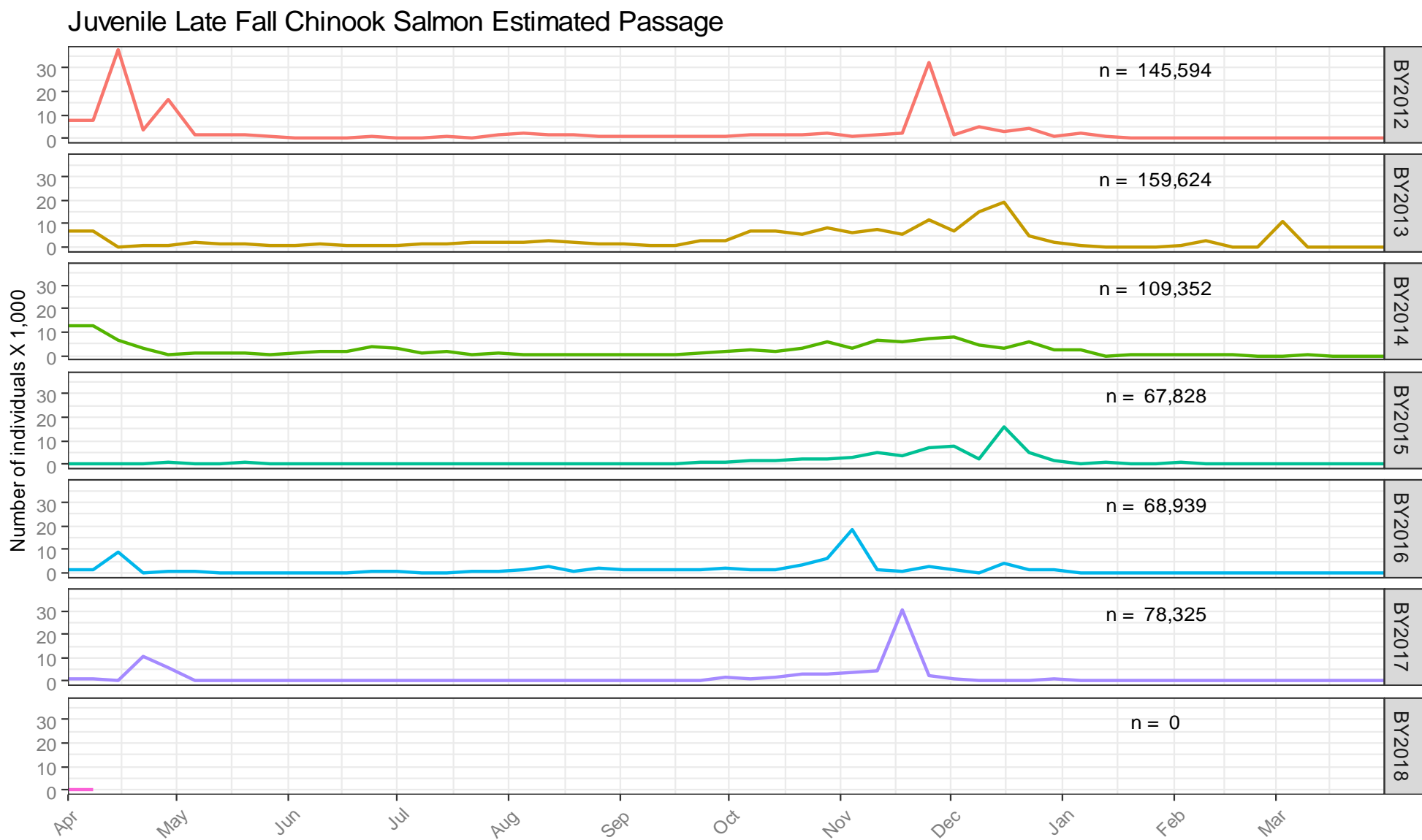


Figure 5. Weekly estimated passage of unmarked juvenile late fall Chinook salmon at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391) by brood-year (BY). Fish were sampled using rotary-screw traps for the period April 1, 2012 to present.

Weekly Estimated Chinook Passage at Red Bluff Diversion Dam - All Runs Combined

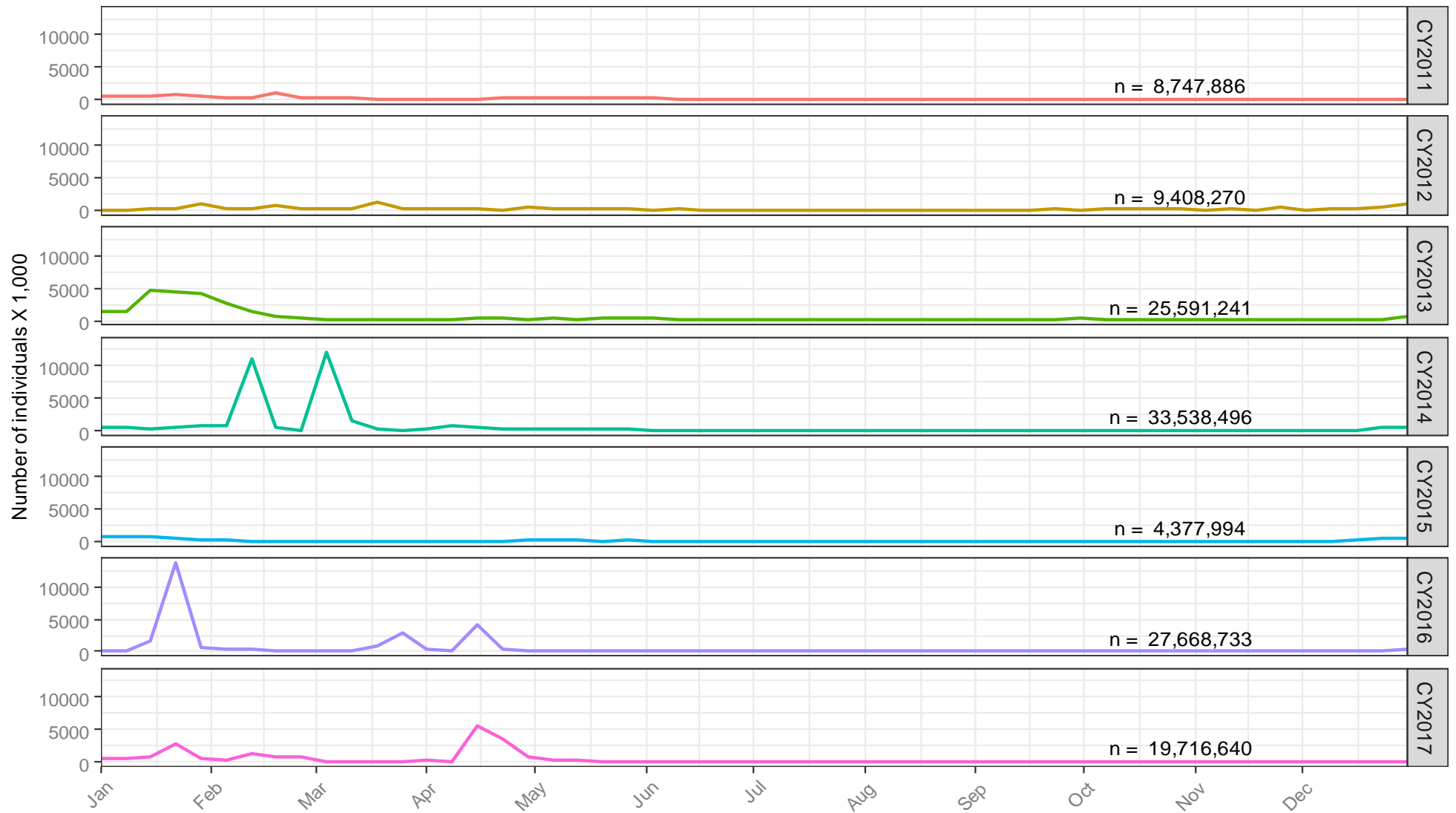


Figure 6. Weekly estimated passage of unmarked juvenile Chinook salmon at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RK391) by calendar year. Fish were sampled using rotary-screw traps for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2017